

Clerk's Office
Village of Westmont

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD **Thursday, October 5, 2023.**

Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at **6:00 P.M.**

WESTMONT VILLAGE BOARD MEETING ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:	Mayor Gunter	<u>P</u>	Clerk Szymiski	<u>P</u>
TRUSTEES:	Barker	<u>A</u>	Simonovich	<u>P</u>
	Brady	<u>P</u>	Guzzo	<u>A</u>
	Liddle	<u>P</u>	Nero	<u>P</u>

STAFF:

May (Village Manager)	<u>P</u>	Parker (Assistant Manager)	<u>P</u>	Pollack (Interim CD Director)	<u>A</u>
Brainerd (H.R. Director)	<u>P</u>	McIntyre (Communications)	<u>P</u>	Liljeberg (I.T. Manager)	<u>A</u>
Chief Gunther (Police Dept.)	<u>P</u>	Dep Chief Thompson	<u>A</u>	Dep Chief Gruen (Police Dept.)	<u>A</u>
Chief Riley (Fire Dept.)	<u>P</u>	Dep Chief O'Hare	<u>A</u>	Mulhearn (Deputy Liquor Commissioner)	<u>P</u>
Hennerfiend (Deputy CD Director)	<u>P</u>	Mielcarski (Administration Supervisor)	<u>P</u>	Ries (Public Works Director)	<u>P</u>

ATTORNEY: Zemenak P Lampariello A

A QUORUM WAS PRESENT TO TRANSACT BUSINESS.

PRESS:

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTOR: Forssberg - P

THOSE PRESENT RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OPEN FORUM:

- None

VOTING KEY: A=ABSENT AB=ABSTAIN N=NO W=Withdrawn
 P=PRESENT Y=YES R=RECUSE

Note: *The items listed in these minutes are summaries only and are not meant to be a direct transcript of the Mayor's, Manager's, Clerk's and Trustees' comments. For actual quotes of the referenced items please refer to the Archival video copy of this meeting.*

VOTING SUMMARY

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
TRUSTEE BARKER	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>
TRUSTEE BRADY	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE GUZZO	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>A</u>
TRUSTEE LIDDLE	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE NERO	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>
TRUSTEE SIMONOVICH	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Y</u>

REPORTS

Mayor Gunter

- The Village of Westmont will be participating in the Taiwanese National Day event in downtown Chicago on October 6th. Larry Forssberg, Tom Mulhearn and Mayor Gunter will be representing the Village at this annual event and to show our support to our local Taiwanese community.
- Last Sunday there was a fundraising event with a dinner at the Taiwanese Cultural Center on 63rd Street. There were about 10 different food courses.

Clerk Szymski

- Village offices will be closed October 9th.
- We had a meeting last this week that was well attended by our Village departments and community agencies and organizations. Each group talked about their upcoming events. Information regarding all events will be posted on the Village website.

Trustee Liddle

- Recapped the Administration / Finance committee meeting held at 4:30 this afternoon.
 - The water rate study was discussed. The study is underway and the process on how we will see concerns and suggestions for our residents is being discussed.
- There was additional discussion under reports regarding the employment compensation plan. More details will be provided as we move forward.
- The Wicked Westfest activities and events are already scheduled all month long in October with participation from the Library, the Park District, Westmont Special Events and the Chamber of Commerce. Several downtown events will occur on October 21st including the Trick-or-Treat Trail, the costume contest, Great Pumpkin Grand Prize Game and a whole lot more.

- Reminded everyone to vote for their favorite scarecrows in downtown Westmont through October 31st. See the Village website for all the program details.
- Holly Days scheduled events for Westmont's End of Year Festival will be posted soon. Mark your calendars now for the Holly Days Parade which will be the first Saturday in December (December 2nd) at 5:00pm.
- The Holly Days parade route will start at Cass and Naperville Road, head South on Cass, cross the tracks as usual, and then head West on Quincy. At the end of the parade there'll be a tree lighting ceremony followed by pictures with Santa in the train station.

Trustee Nero

- The next Public Works committee meeting is December 28th, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- There will be free leaf pickup from November 6 through December 1st. Residents will be allowed to put out unlimited craft paper bags of leaves at no extra charge alongside their garbage on the regularly scheduled pickup day.
- Please do not rake your leaves into the street so we can ensure proper drainage and keep a safe driving surface.

Trustee Simonvich

- The next Police Public Safety meeting will be October 19th at 4:30 p.m.
- There is a paper shred fundraiser for the Special Olympics scheduled for October 21st at the Police and Fire facility from 9:00 a.m. to 1: p.m.
- There's also a drug take back event on October 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m at the Police department as well as at Mariano's.

Trustee Brady

- The next Community Development Committee meeting will be held on November 2nd on Thursday at Village Hall.
- The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 11th.

Trustee Johanik-Guzzo is absent. Mayor Gunter invited Fire Chief Riley to the podium to give out information pertaining to Fire Public Safety.

- The next Fire Public Safety Committee meeting is Thursday, December 14, 4:30pm, at Village Hall.
- The 28th Annual Silent Parade will be held on Friday October 13th, starting at 700 p.m. This ends fire prevention week. Encouraged all residents to come out and honor those fallen firefighters or civilians who've perished in the line of fire. Participants can line up anywhere on Chicago Avenue through Naperville Road. It starts in Hinsdale at 7:00pm and it will come through Westmont about 7:15pm.
- The Fire Department's 100th Anniversary Open House is the next Saturday, October 14, at the Johanik Fire Station located at 6015 S. Cass Ave from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m..

- There will be free lunch for everyone that attends and we're expecting a large crowd to show off the fire department.
- Mayor Gunter stated that the Village celebrated their 100th anniversary two years ago and that the Fire Department is celebrating the Fire Department Anniversary now. He asked what happened in those two years.
 - Fire Chief Riley stated that during that time all of the firefighters were volunteers before it was truly formed as a fire department. They were stealing the fire truck to see who could get there first.

Trustee Barker is absent. Mayor Gunter invited Larry McIntyre to the podium to give out information pertaining to the Environmental Improvement Committee and Westmont First.

- The Environmental Improvement Committee is a group of volunteers that works very hard throughout the year and these are some of the events that they are working on currently.
 - The Dark Sky Grant Program: Applications are currently being reviewed and in the next couple of weeks some of those grants will be approved. One of the volunteers, Krista Stanulis, is assisting with that effort. In a few weeks we'll have more answers.
- Gave an update for the Wicked Westfest and Trick or Treat Trail.
 - The pumpkin smashing event will not be happening this year. Instead the EIC will be doing something that they're referring to as the Pumpkin Grand Prize Game, which will allow for more participation.
 - Pumpkin composting will be highly publicized at these events.
- Pumpkin composting will take place the Saturday after Halloween on November 4th from 9am - 12pm at the Westmont Library. Bring pumpkins to the library and be sure to remove all of the decorations so that it can be properly composted.
- We are working with a local Scout troop on an Eagle Scout project about the do's and don'ts of recycling.
- Gave an update on the Electronics and more Recycling event.
 - We had a record turn out of 432 total vehicles and that eclipsed the previous record by 82 vehicles.

ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Gunter requested to have the Arts DuPage Proclamation removed from the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA [Omnibus Vote]:

Village Manager May addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to approve the consent agenda.

(A) BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Board to consider approving the minutes of the Village Board meeting held on **September 21, 2023.**
- Board to consider a motion to accept, approve and release the following Executive Session Minutes with the exceptions as noted:
Meeting Date **Exception: Paragraph #**
 - October 13, 2016
 - January 5, 2017
 - July 28, 2022
 - March 23, 2023 Except para #2
 - April 6, 2023

(B) FINANCE ORDINANCE

- **Finance Ordinance #12 in the amount of \$1,340,248.37**

(C) PURCHASE ORDERS:

24201012	Primera Engineers, Ltd.	\$ 96,500.00
24201013	Compass Minerals America, Inc.	62,648.00
Total of Purchase Orders		\$ 159,148.00

(D) Total of Purchase Orders and Finance Ordinances: \$1,499,396.37

(E) PROCLAMATION - CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

Board to consider a proclamation recognizing October as Cybersecurity Month in the Village of Westmont.

(F) PROCLAMATION - FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Board to consider a proclamation to declare October 8-14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week in the Village of Westmont.

(G) 2023 WESTMONT TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Board to consider an ordinance approving the Westmont Chamber of Commerce hosted Trick or Treat Trail Event:

1. Community Events Permit
2. Street Closures from 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: 1) Cass Avenue from Burlington to Chicago/Naperville; 2) Partial Closure on Norfolk (between Lincoln & Linden - from the alley east and west of Cass Ave); 3) Partial Closure on Irving (between Lincoln & Linden - from the alley east and west of Cass Ave)
3. Live amplified sound permit

(H) REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

Board to consider a motion to accept the Mayor's reappointment of Stella Qualizza to a third term to serve on the Board of Fire and Police Commission.

Seconded by **Trustee Barker** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #1

Ayes: Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonvich

Nays: None

Absent: Barker, Guzzo

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

(2) PROCLAMATION - ARTS DUPAGE

Village Manager May and Debbie Venecia addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider a proclamation declaring the month of October 2023 as Westmont Arts DuPage Month.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #2

Ayes: Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonvich

Nays: None

Absent: Barker, Guzzo

(3) SPECIAL USE PERMIT - 52 EAST OGDEN AVENUE - SKY ZONE

Deputy Community Development Director Hennerfeind and Jason Sheets addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving a Special Use Permit request by Balsamy, Inc (Petitioner) and SCP Westmont, LLC (Owner), regarding the property at 52 East Ogden Avenue, to operate an amusement establishment in the B-2 General Business District.

Seconded by **Trustee Simonovich** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #3

Ayes: Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonvich

Nays: None

Absent: Barker, Guzzo

(4) SPECIAL USE AND B-1 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT - 15 NORTH CASS AVENUE

Deputy Community Development Director Hennerfeind, Brandy and Danielle Rodriguez addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Liddle** to consider an ordinance approving requests from The Mane Lab, LLC (Petitioner) and Properties by AAA, LLC (Owner), regarding the property at 15 North Cass Avenue:

1. Special Use Permit for a beauty parlor located on the ground floor in the B-1 Limited Business District
2. B-1 Development Permit

Seconded by **Trustee Nero** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #4

Ayes: Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonvich

Nays: None

Absent: Barker, Guzzo

(5) AMEND CLASS 10 LIQUOR LICENSE DESCRIPTION

Attorney Zemenak, Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn, Jill Livingston and Dorthy Foster addressed the Board on this agenda item.

Motion by **Trustee Nero** to consider an ordinance amending Sec. 10-36. - Classification of licenses, Chapter 10 liquor license to include all liquors.

Seconded by **Trustee Liddle** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #5

Ayes: Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonvich

Nays: None

Absent: Barker, Guzzo

MISCELLANEOUS:

- None.

(6) ADJOURNMENT - 6:37 pm

Motion by **Trustee Brady** to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by **Trustee Simonovich** and the motion passed.

VOTE ON MOTION #6

Ayes: Brady, Liddle, Nero, Simonovich

Nays: None

Absent: Barker, Guzzo



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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:38 P.M.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk

Ronald J. Gunter, Mayor

Dated this 19th day of October, 2023